

# City of Downey

## Introduction to Redistricting

September 28,  
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# Redistricting Process

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Step	Description
<b>Initial Hearings</b> Oct. 12	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
<b>Three Draft Map Hearings</b> TBD	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<b>Map Adoption</b> By April 17, 2021	Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. Map adopted via ordinance.

# Redistricting Rules and Goals

## 1. Federal Laws

**Equal Population**  
**Federal Voting Rights Act**  
**No Racial Gerrymandering**



## 2. California Criteria for Cities

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**  
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
4. **Compact**  
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

### **Prohibited:**

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

## 3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

**Minimize voters shifted to different election years**

**Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office**

**Future population growth**

**Preserving the core of existing districts**

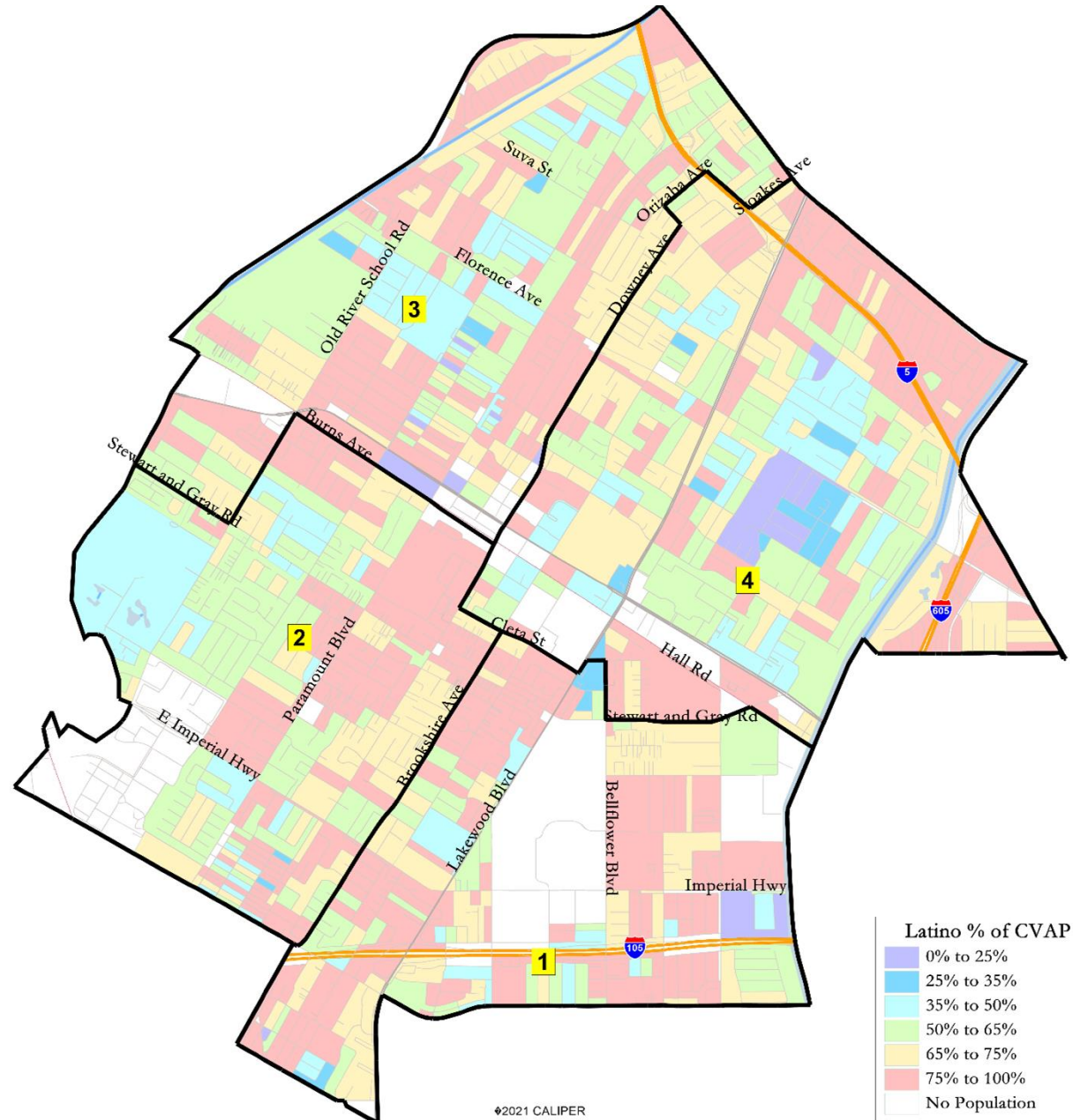
# Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

Each of the four districts must contain about 28,678 people.

Category	Field	1	2	3	4	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	27,157	28,144	30,202	29,210	114,713
	Population Deviation	-1,521	-534	1,524	532	3,045
	Pct. Deviation	-5.30%	-1.86%	5.31%	1.85%	10.62%
Total Population	Hispanic/Latino	76%	76%	77%	72%	75%
	NH White	10%	12%	12%	15%	13%
	NH Black	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%
	NH Asian/Pac Isl.	6%	6%	7%	8%	7%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	16,295	18,326	18,203	19,103	71,927
	Hisp	72%	69%	70%	67%	69%
	NH White	16%	18%	20%	20%	19%
	NH Black	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%
	Asian/Pac Isl.	7%	8%	7%	9%	8%
Age	age0-19	25%	27%	27%	26%	26%
	age20-60	60%	56%	54%	56%	56%
	age60plus	15%	17%	19%	19%	18%
Immigration	immigrants	32%	33%	32%	34%	33%
	naturalized	57%	62%	62%	62%	61%
Language spoken at home	english	32%	30%	31%	33%	31%
	spanish	61%	63%	62%	57%	61%
	asian-lang	4%	5%	5%	7%	5%
	other lang	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	19%	22%	22%	19%	21%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	47%	52%	46%	47%	48%
	bachelor	13%	15%	19%	18%	16%
	graduatedegree	6%	6%	6%	9%	7%
Child in Household	child-under18	37%	41%	42%	42%	41%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	67%	65%	66%	65%	66%
Household Income	income 0-25k	12%	12%	12%	9%	11%
	income 25-50k	20%	22%	20%	18%	20%
	income 50-75k	22%	19%	15%	16%	18%
	income 75-200k	42%	41%	45%	45%	43%
	income 200k-plus	4%	6%	8%	12%	8%
Housing Stats	single family	58%	67%	63%	68%	64%
	multi-family	42%	33%	37%	32%	36%
	rented	56%	50%	53%	42%	50%
	owned	44%	50%	47%	58%	50%

# Latino CVAP

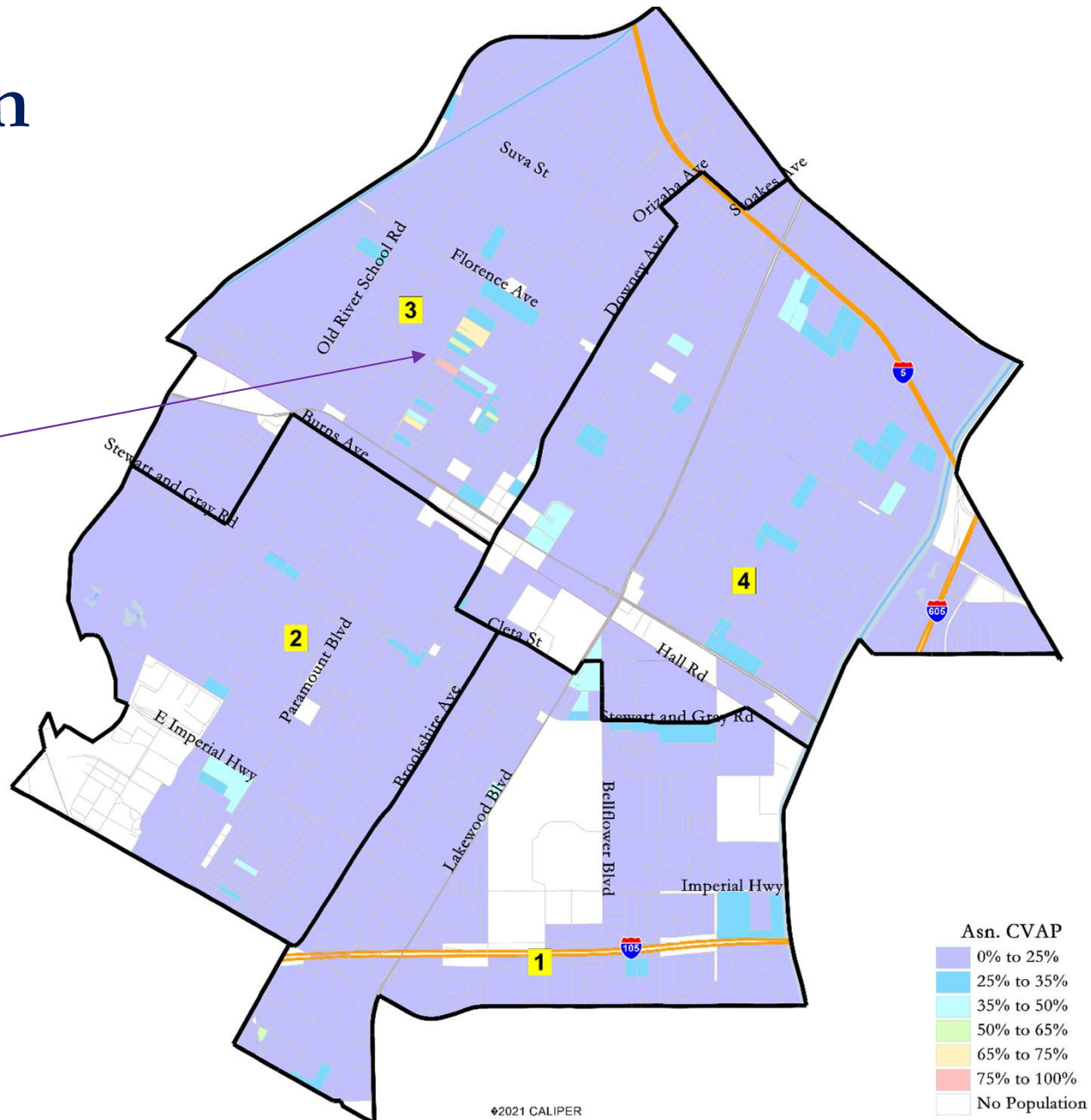
Latinos are a majority just about everywhere in the City.





# Asian-American CVAP

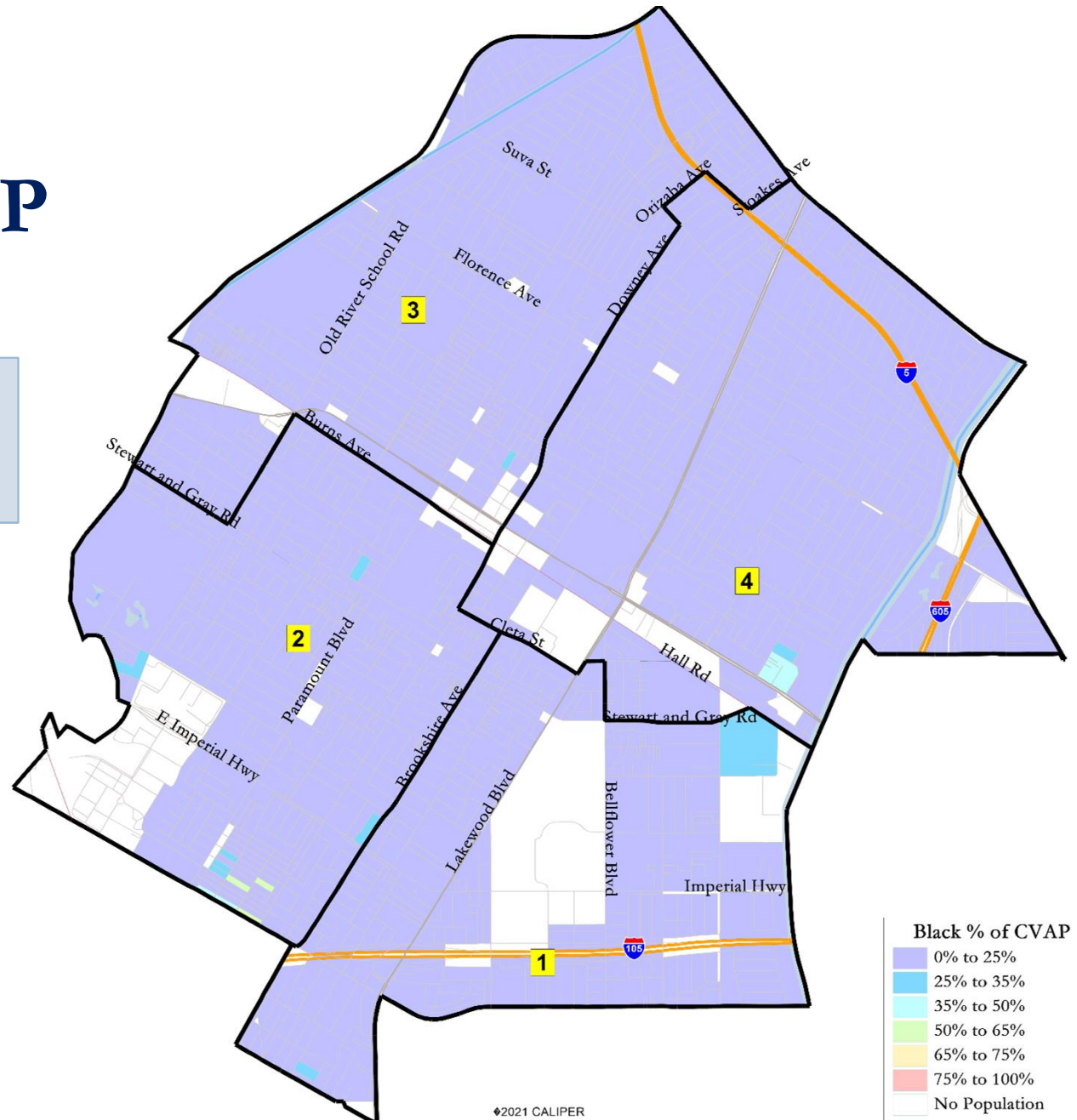
There is a small concentration of Asian-Americans along Rives Ave.



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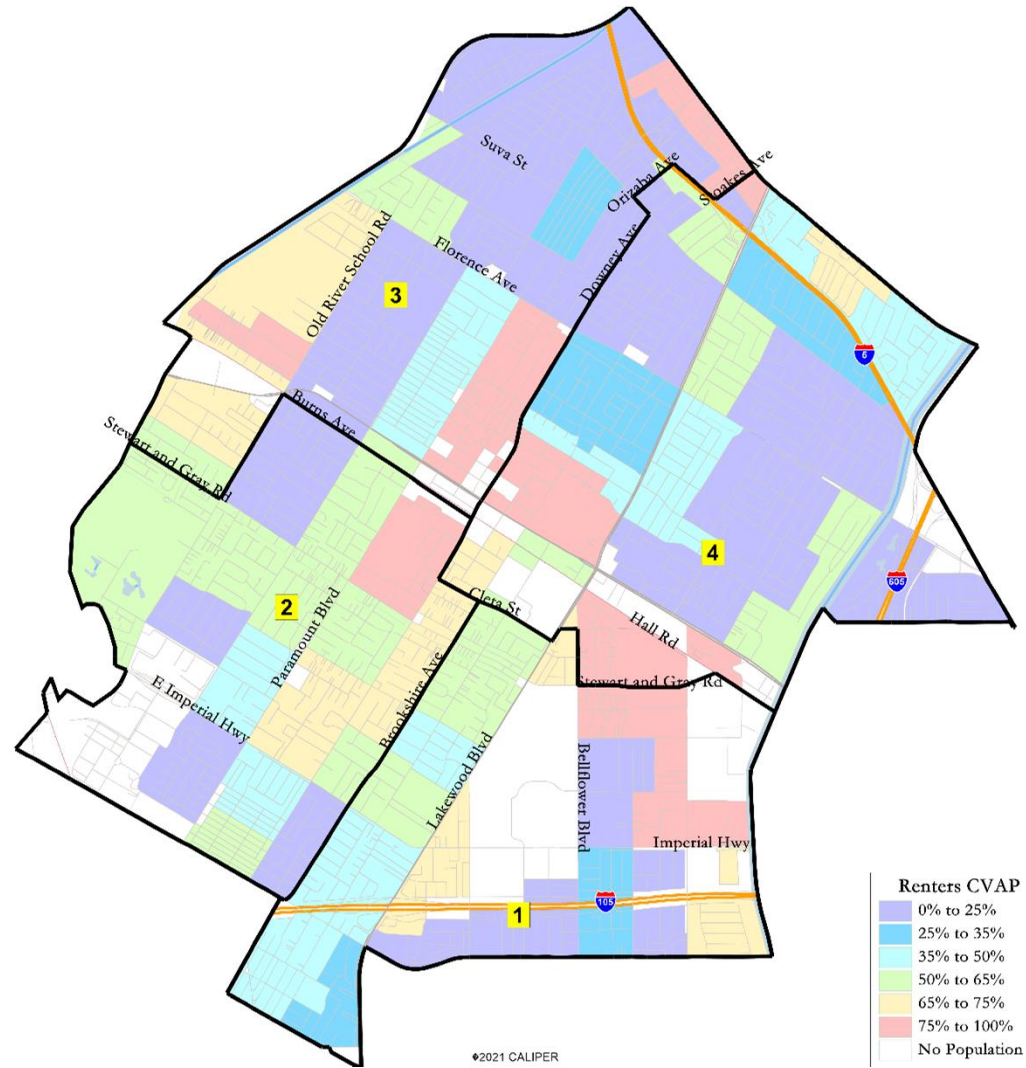
# African-American CVAP

African-Americans are not concentrated in any one part of the City.



# Other Socio-Economic Demographics

Any of the other socio-economic data can be mapped as well.





# Defining Neighborhoods

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**1<sup>st</sup> Question: What is your neighborhood?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Question: What are its geographic boundaries?**

**Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:**

- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks or schools
- ❑ Other neighborhood landmarks

**In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.**



# Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Question: What defines your community?

- ❑ Geographic Area, plus
- ❑ Shared issue or characteristic
  - ❑ Shared social or economic interest
  - ❑ Impacted by county policies
- ❑ Tell us “your community’s story”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Question: Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- ❑ Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

# Public Hearing & Discussion

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- ❑ What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?
- ❑ What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?
  
- ❑ Any questions about the mapping tools?

## Discussion on:

- ❑ “neighborhoods”
- ❑ “communities of interest”